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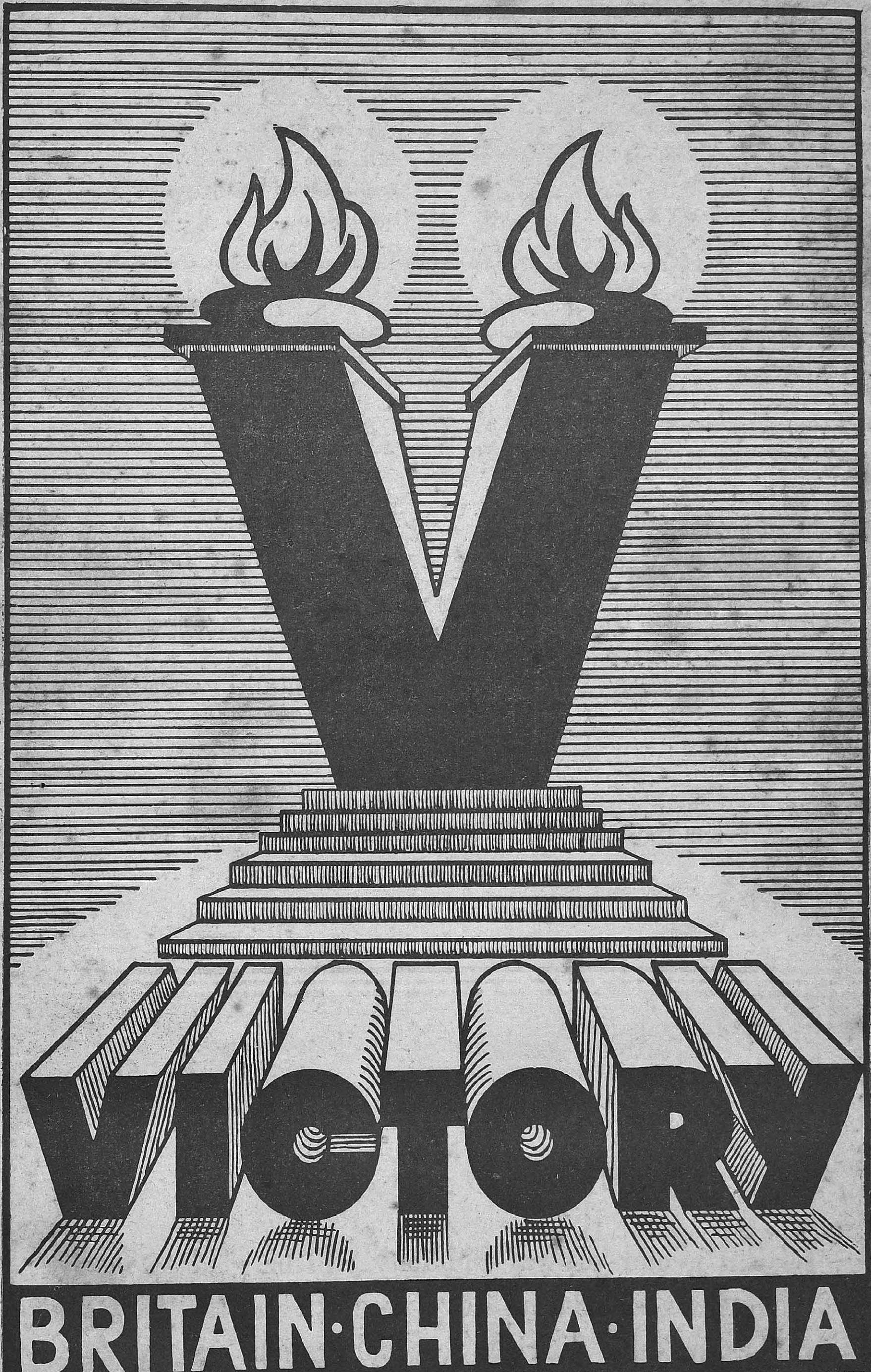

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OUR IDEAL

"The Nazis want a New world order, but one in which they are to be supreme, and that ideal we repudiate. Our ideal of a New world order should keep order, peace and goodwill among all the nations of the world."

—SIR C. R. REDDI, *Regional Leader, National War Front, in a speech at Vizagapatam, on Novembe2r* 1.

NOTICE

THE Director of War Publicity will be glad to receive photographs relating to war work in the City and in the mofussil districts for publication in the next number of VICTORY. Photographs intended for publication should reach him before December 12, 1942.

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Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

	RS.	A.	P.
Contributions to the above Fund including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund amounted on the 2nd November 1942 ..	2,11,10,722	9	8
Details of disbursements.			
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund prior to the closing of that Fund and the handing over of the undisbursed balance to the Madras Governor's War Fund ..	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To specific charities and to the Joint War Charities Committee earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	12,61,629	8	5
By Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons ..	1,71,00,000	0	0
By Indian Air Force ..	13,50,000	0	0
By Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of armoured carriers ..	4,10,000	0	0
By Madras Flying Club on account of Scholarships Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment and for training Flying Instructors, etc. ..	3,08,971	3	1
By His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence Purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	12,768	3	6
By Relief of Evacuees.	59,820	14	5

	RS.	A.	P.
By Salvation Army for the entertainment of and supply of meals to troops ..	3,000	0	0
By purchase of motor boat, station wagon, etc., from amounts earmarked for M. & S. M. Railway, Rayapuram District Armoured Car Fund.	8,600	0	0
By Joint War Charities Committee on account of " Amenities for Troops " earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	30,021	0	4
Total Disbursements ..	2,07,96,871	11	3
Balance as on 22nd November 1942 ..	3,13,850	14	5

Amenities for Troops Fund

CUDDAPAH.—A benefit performance of *Bharata Natya* was given at Sidhout on October 1 and a benefit drama staged at Surabhu on October 3 in aid of the Amenities for Troops Fund.

MALABAR.—A fair number of second-hand books in English, Malayalam and Tamil were collected for the use of troops, to be forwarded to the War Charities Depot, Madras.

RAMNAD.—Divisional Committees for " Amenities for Troops Fund " were formed at Ramnad, Devakottah and Sivakasi. The Divisional Committee of Sivakasi collected Rs. 90 for the Fund.

NORTH ARCOT.—In aid of the Fund, a benefit performance was given at a cinema at Tiruvannamalai on October 25 under the presidentship of the Revenue Divisional Officer. A sum of Rs. 789 was contributed to the Fund.

Two albums of used postage stamps were received through the Principal of the Police Training School, Vellore.

TANJORE.—Benefit performances in aid of the Fund were given at Mayavaram, Valangu-man, Mannargudi, Kuthanallur, Negapatam, Nannilam and Tiruvarur.

KURNOOL.—Two merchants of Markapur presented Rs. 550 through the Collector for the Fund. A sum of Rs. 237–13–0 was credited to the Fund from the district.

COIMBATORE.—A sum of Rs. 213-2-6 was collected by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coimbatore, and credited to the Fund.

ANANTAPUR.—Janab Mohammad Rahimtullah Sahib Bahadur, Chairman, Municipal Council, gave a donation of Rs. 100 for the fund. In the taluks, a sum of Rs. 206-14-0 was collected for the Fund. At the opening of a Recruitment Office at Hindupur on October 19, through an appeal made by the Collector, donations amounting to Rs. 1,225 were collected, the largest being the sum of Rs. 1,000 donated by Khan Bahadur Syed Buddan Sahib Bahadur.

BELLARY.—A sum of Rs. 20 was collected for the fund. It was decided to discuss the future activities of the District War Committee in the district in connexion with His Excellency the Governor's appeal for the fund at the meeting of the Executive Committee on November 21.

Other Activities

VIZAGAPATAM.—Two Fighter Badges were sold for Rs. 20. Seal of Victory labels of the value of Rs. 6-8-0 were sold during the month. Photographs and lantern slides of planes named after districts were sold for Rs. 43-1-0.

National War Front Activities

Propaganda Meetings

WEST GODAVARI.—The District Organizer and his staff carried on intensive propaganda throughout the district. Propaganda materials were distributed.

GUNTUR.—Propaganda meetings were held by the District Organizer in the villages of Tenali, Bapatla and Palnad taluks. In certain places, processions, with music, were taken out into the streets before the meetings, which proved a good means of attracting large numbers of people. The District Lecturer visited the villages in Tenali and Bapatla taluks. An Urdu propagandist has been appointed.

Capt. G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, visited Guntur and addressed a public meeting held at the Andhra Christian College. He also visited three Reading Circles.

War shorts, namely, "Aim High" and "Our American Allies" were exhibited in certain cinemas. "Grow More Food" campaign was conducted on a large scale in taluk headquarters and important villages, in most of which places processions were taken out with placards and slogans. Large numbers of people attended the meetings that followed in which officials of the Agriculture, Co-operative and Revenue Departments and the staff of the National War Front took part.

MALABAR.—The staff of the National War Front and the Revenue subordinates, working in close co-operation, organized a number of propaganda meetings throughout the district which were all well-attended. Propaganda materials were distributed, lantern shows were held and war films exhibited in cinemas. Some voluntary speakers also addressed these meetings.

KISTNA.—The District Organizer, National War Front, Kistna, toured for 24 days and addressed 16 public meetings, besides village group conferences in 16 villages. He also visited 22 Reading Circles. The District Lecturer toured for 26 days and addressed 24 meetings. The meetings at Gudlavalleru and Angalur were presided over by Rao Bahadur D. Mahanty, District Collector, Kistna. More than 2,500 and 4,000 people, respectively, attended these two meetings. Besides these, the staff of the National War Front addressed to all about 193 village gatherings. Of these, 94 meetings were held in connexion with "Grow More Food" campaign.

A National War Front Information Bureau and Reading Circle was opened in the premises of Vuyyuru Sugar Factory. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. P. Madhava Rao, Revenue Divisional Officer, Nuzvid. More than 1,000 workers attended the function. The District Organizer addressed a gathering of Co-operative Department workers of Gudivada and Bandar taluks on the National War Front and the present war situation. Rao Saheb J. C. Ryan, formerly Assistant Director of War Publicity, was present.

Under the auspices of National War Front, "Grow More Food" campaign was inaugurated at Bezwada. A huge procession headed by the propaganda van fully decorated and accompanied by Air Raid Precaution Personnel and Ambulance Units, was taken out in the streets of Bezwada.

NILGIRIS.—Members of the Propaganda and Publicity Sub-Committees, the staff of the National War Front and prominent non-officials took an active part in holding a number of meetings all over the district. As a result of their work, there has been no case of profiteering. Their efforts in fixing the level of prices are also praiseworthy. The "Grow More Food" campaign was very successful. As the result of this campaign, lands which were left unused or lying fallow have been brought under cultivation.

Her Excellency the Hon. Lady Hope and members of the Indian Hospitality Committee went in a Mobile Canteen to serve light refreshments to Indian troops on 29th October. The above photograph shows Her Excellency in the centre, with Mrs. Mary N. Clubwalla, the Yuvarani of Pithapuram, Mrs. Ameen Khaleeli, Mrs. H. Krishnamurthi, Mrs. Singh, Mr. A. V. Patro, Major Gill, Convener of the Indian Hospitality Committee, Mr. P. Balasubrahmanya Mudaliar, Welfare Officer of H.E. Sir Arthur Hope Club for Indian Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen and others.

CUDDAPAH.—The District Organizer and Lecturer toured the district extensively and addressed a large number of public meetings. The Revenue subordinates also co-operated in propaganda work. War propaganda materials were distributed.

CHITTOOR.—The District Organizer, Lecturer, Honorary Divisional Organizers and non-officials addressed a number of propaganda meetings. "Grow More Food" campaign was held from October 22 to 28 in all important centres in the district. The District Collector presided over the meetings held at Madanapalle, Palmaner and Chittoor on October 22, 27 and 28, respectively. The Sub-Collectors of Chandragiri and Madanapalli presided over 5 and 2 meetings, respectively, held in their divisions. Ploughing competitions were held at Chittoor and prizes given to winners.

SOUTH ARCOT.—The District Organizer toured for 25 days and visited 38 villages. He addressed 18 meetings and inspected 14 Reading Circles. He inaugurated the village Defence Scheme at Sengurichi and Ulundurpet. He spoke on the themes, "Check false rumours," "Grow more food," and "Dissociate from the Civil Disobedience Movement" at all the meetings addressed by him. "Grow More Food" campaign was held from October 27 to 31 in which the District Agricultural Officer also co-operated. Special meetings in this connexion were held at Kurinjipadi, Panruti and Karamanikuppam.

The Sub-Collector, Tindivanam, presided over and addressed a meeting on October 6 at Vanur and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chidambaram, addressed a meeting at Porto Novo on October 31. Revenue Officials held 15 meetings this month.

SOUTH KANARA.—"Grow More Food" week was celebrated all over the district.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Revenue Divisional Officers and Taluk Officers organized public meetings in the course of their tours in the district. Propaganda literature was distributed. Health Inspectors held lantern shows in the villages. War films were exhibited in the cinemas.

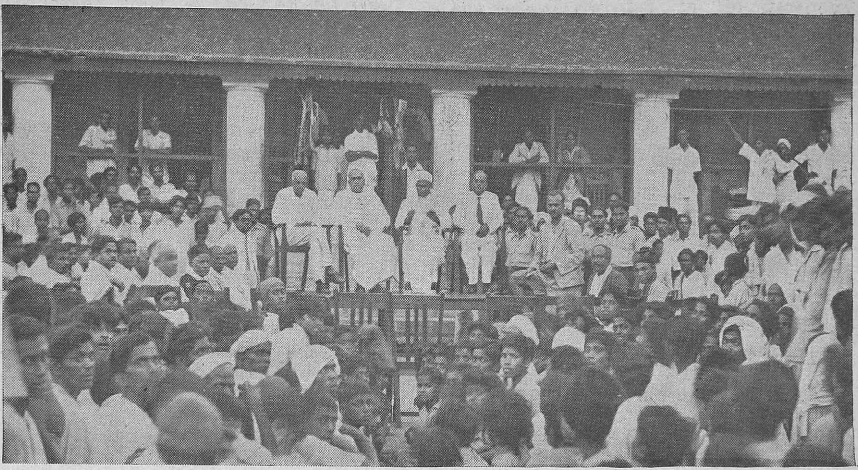
The Refresher class for Taluk Propagandists was held in the Government Training School, Vizagapatam, from October 19 to 26. Rao Saheb J. C. Ryan attended the classes for two days and gave valuable instructions. Mr. E. Bennett, District Collector, presided over a public meeting held on October 26. The Taluk Propagandists went on an excursion to Madhavadhara, Adivivaram and Anakapalli villages.

The last week of October was observed as "Grow More Food Week" throughout the district. The National War Front staff and the Revenue and Agricultural Departments held a number of meetings.

The District Organizer held 14 meetings and inspected 5 Reading Circles. The Honorary Divisional Organizers of Chicacole, Vizagapatam and Vizianagram conducted 28 meetings and inspected 5 Reading Circles.

RAMNAD.—The District Organizer toured the taluks of Aruppukottai, Srivilliputtur and the sub-taluk of Virudunagar, while the District Lecturer toured the taluks of Paramakudi, Mudukulatur and Sattur. The District Organizer addressed 12 meetings and the District Lecturer 16. Special mention may be made of the meeting held at Rajapalayam on October 25 (organized by the District Organizer), and the meetings organized by

AT THE CANTEEN.—Her Excellency and other ladies busy with the arrangements.



A largely attended public meeting was held in Coimbatore Town in connexion with the "Grow More Food" Campaign. The above photograph taken on the occasion shows Mr. Gopal Nayudu, who gave one lakh of rupees to H.E. the Governor's War Fund, Mr. K. M. Balasubrahmanyam, District Organizer, National War Front, and others who took a prominent part in the campaign.

the District Lecturer at Paramagudi on October 8, at Elayirampannai on October 20, at Vembakottai on October 22 and at Kanniseri on October 26.

The District Organizer addressed a meeting of 200 elementary school teachers at Virudunagar on October 3. All the teachers took the pledge and were enrolled as members. He also addressed an elementary school teachers' conference at Aruppukottai. The District ballad singer joined duty on October 3 and turned out useful work. Propaganda literature was distributed all over the district. War films were exhibited in the cinemas at Virudunagar, Sivaganga, Sattur and Tirupattur. The Poona Military Film Unit gave a show at Sivaganga on October 10. Altogether 39 propaganda meetings were held.

"Grow More Food Week" was célebrated all over the district. A number of applications for grant of waste land have been received from Sattur and Srivilliputtur taluks. The District Agricultural Officer conducted an exhibition of agricultural implements during the week. A large number of ryots attended the public meeting held at the Divisional Headquarters at Sivakasi.

The Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Aruppukottai from October 16 to 31. On the opening day, a public meeting was held at Puliampatty, which was preceded by a procession. The meeting was organized by Mr. S. Asirvatham, Deputy Tahsildar, Messrs. Shanmugasundaram Pillai, Agricultural Demonstrator, S. Devamanickam, G. A. Gill and Rao Sahib Rev. Devaprakasam addressed the meeting. Celebrations were also held in Pandalgudi, Kallorani, Palavanatham and Sevapatty on October 27, 28, 29 and 30, respectively.

On October 31, a mass meeting organized by Mr. S. Asirvatham, Deputy Tahsildar, was held at Aruppukottai in a specially erected pandal which was attended by more than 8,000 persons. Before the meeting, a procession started from the Deputy Tahsildar's office with a caparisoned elephant and band. A livestock inspection was held by the Deputy Tahsildar, Agricultural Demonstrator and touring Veterinary Doctor and prizes were awarded to the best bullock, breeding-bull, cow and calf. The Agricultural Demonstrator, the Senior Deputy Inspector of Schools, the touring Veterinary Doctor and the Honorary Taluk Organizer, National War Front, addressed the meeting.

A "Grow More Food" drama was staged by the pupils of the Saliar School. Items such as *Kummi* and *Kolattam* were contributed by the girls of the school which were much appreciated.

NORTH ARCOT.—The District Organizer addressed public meetings at Sathuvacheri on October 5 and at Ocheri on October 21. He also addressed meetings of the Tamil Sangam of the Board High School, Kaveripakkam and the Church of Scotland Mission High School, Arkonam. A number of meetings were held in connexion with "Grow More Food Week" and the District Organizer addressed a meeting held in Vellore on October 24. He also addressed a meeting of the elementary school teachers of Arkonam range. The District Lecturer addressed 17 public meetings in Wallajah and Arkonam taluks. The Honorary Divisional Organizer of Tiruvannamalai addressed a number of meetings in his division.

The staff of the National War Front addressed 21 meetings in Vellore, Tirupattur, Cheyyar and Wandiwash taluks. The Taluk Propagandists of Wallajah and Arkonam addressed a number of meetings. War literature was freely distributed all over the district.

TANJORE.—Public meetings were held under the auspices of the Divisional War Committees of Tanjore, Mayavaram, Kumbakonam, Mannargudi and Pattukottai. War publicity literature was distributed all over the district. The Divisional Organizers held 41 meetings and 76 meetings were held by voluntary speakers. The total number of members enrolled during the month was 417. Lantern slides were exhibited and war films screened in cinemas.

COIMBATORE.—The National War Front staff carried on intensive and extensive propaganda in the district. "Grow More Food Week" was inaugurated in Gobichettipalaiyam which was very largely attended by ryots. Prizes were awarded to 10 ryots selected by the Committee. The Week was celebrated in all taluk and firka headquarters.

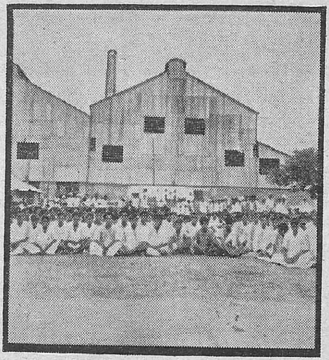
The National War Front staff in Coimbatore carried the message in October to the people living in the remotest corners of the district. The District Organizer Mr. K. M. Balasubramaniam, addressed 17 public meetings, the most important of which was the one held at Coimbatore Town on October 24 over which Mr. Gopal Naidu, who gave one lakh of rupees to the Governor's War Fund, presided. Printed copies of the specially composed ballads on "Grow More Food" that were distributed throughout the district were very useful in making the campaign a great success. The National War Front was very helpful in celebrating the "Grow More Food Week" with pronounced success. A singing competition was held among school boys and girls and prizes were awarded. A competition was conducted among vegetable growers and prizes were given. Seeds and Manures Exhibition was held by the Agricultural Department.

The National War Front staff, in all, addressed about 360 meetings in the district with commendable success. War films were exhibited in the theatres at Coimbatore and Erode which were greatly appreciated by the public. The posters and pamphlets distributed throughout the district were widely welcomed by the public and made use of. The Reading Circles in the district are working satisfactorily.

One special feature was that two lady speakers addressed largely-attended public meetings in the district. One is Miss Muthulakshmi and the other is Srimathi K. S. Muthulakshmi of Kodumudi.

A Congress member of the District Board, Mr. Srirangaroya Gounder, who presided over a meeting a Kannivadi addressed by the District Organizer, openly declared: "At this critical juncture for all, it is unbecoming on the part of the Congress to harass the Government and injure the public in the name of co-called Swaraj, which can well wait till the War is over and victory is won by us."

KURNOOL.—In addition to the propaganda work by the National War Front staff, the Revenue subordinates held 61 meetings all over the district. The District Collector presided over a meeting held at Markapur on October 15. A public meeting was held at Kurnool on October 22 which was largely attended. The Collector also presided over a meeting held at Koilkuntla on October 31.



Above is a photograph of a section of the meeting organized by the National War Front in connexion with the inauguration of the Reading Circle and Information Bureau at the Vuyyuru Sugar Factory. Rao Bahadur D. Krishnamurthi Nayudu, District Organizer, and Mr. B. V. Narayan Dev, District Lecturer, addressed the meeting.

SALEM.—The District Organizer and his staff and Revenue subordinates co-operated in organizing and holding propaganda meetings. "Grow More Food Week" was celebrated all over the district. The Propaganda House, Salem, continued to attract a large number of visitors.

NELLORE.—In Kavali division, the Tahsildar of Kovur held 7 meetings and the Tahsildar of Udayagiri, 5 meetings. The District Organizer and Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi, C.B.E., were present at a meeting held in Udayagiri on October 5 in connexion with "Grow More Food Week" celebrations.

In Kandukur division, 5 propaganda meetings were held. Mr. B. W. Day, I.C.S., District Collector, presided over a meeting held at Kandukur on October 3 in connexion with "Grow More Food Week" celebrations which was addressed by Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi, Mr. P. T. Gopalachari of Nellore, and the District Organizer. Another meeting was held at Kanigiri on October 4. The Revenue Divisional Officer held meetings in 7 villages and the Collector in two villages.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT

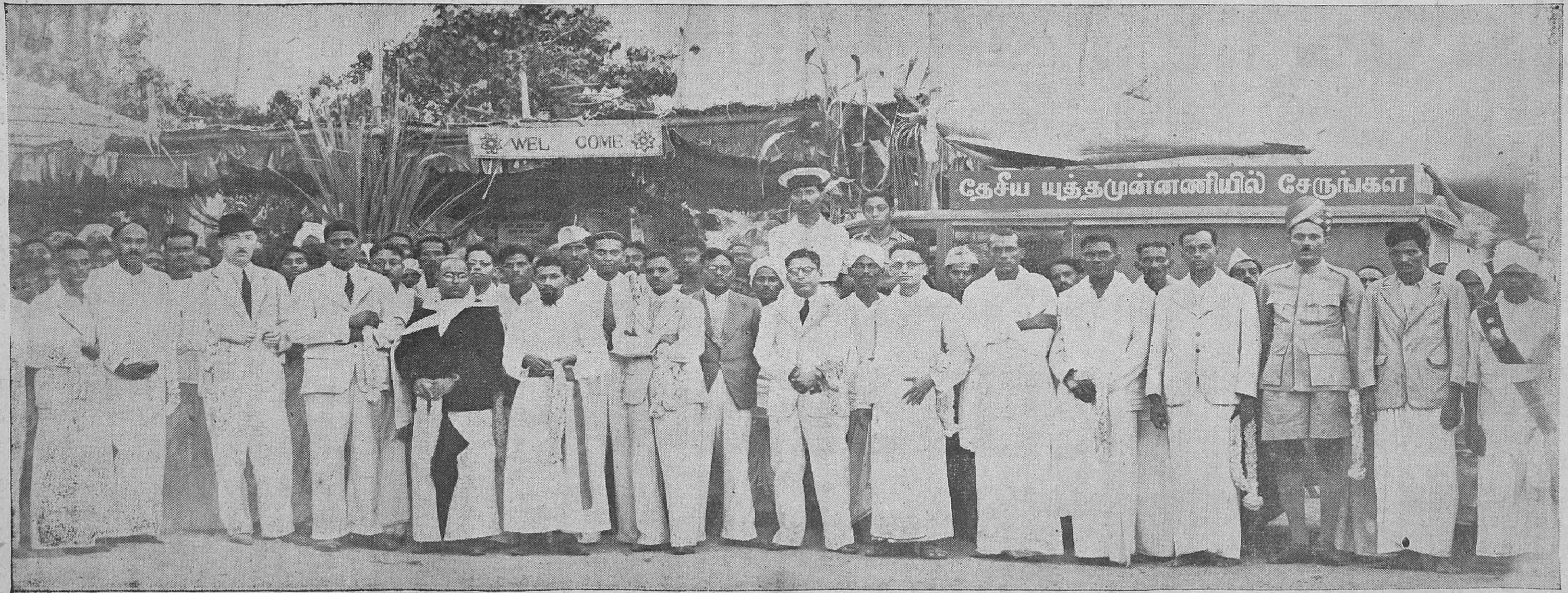


Photo taken at a meeting held in connexion with the celebration of Food Production Week, at Kasavapatti, Dindigul taluk, Madura district, on October 28. Over 1,000 people attended the meeting which was a great success. An Agricultural Exhibition was also held.

In Nellore division, the Revenue Divisional Officer held 6 meetings. The Revenue Inspectors of Nellore taluk held 42 meetings and the Deputy Tahsildar of Muthukur 4 meetings. The Tahsildar and the Revenue Inspectors of Atmakur held a number of meetings.

In Gudur division, the Collector addressed a propaganda meeting at Rapur on October 23. The Sub-Collector of Gudur held two meetings. The Tahsildar of Rapur, and the Deputy Tahsildars of Sulurpet and Venkatagiri held 5, 5 and 7 meetings, respectively. The Tahsildar of Gudur also held a number of meetings. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Gudur, presided over a meeting held at Naidupet. The Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Naidupet and the Sub-Registrar of Sulurpet and a schoolmaster also addressed a number of meetings. The District Organizer and the District Lecturer took part in the meetings held in Venkatagiri taluk.

War slides were exhibited in the cinemas at Nellore. Short speeches on the war situation was made during the interval by an assistant of the Naidupet school and the Accountant of the Deputy Tahsildar's office, Naidupet, in the cinemas at Naidupet and Sullurpet.

ANANTAPUR.—The District Organizer enrolled a large number of persons in the National War Front. Many public meetings were held all over the district. War films were screened in the cinemas at Anantapur and Hindupur. At the close of the Refresher Course, a public meeting was held on October 3, over which the Collector presided. There was a large gathering present.

TRICHINOPOLY.—A largely-attended public meeting was held on October 31, at the Town Hall, Trichinopoly. Mr. S. K. Chettur, I.C.S., Collector, presided. He advised the ryots to take fullest advantage of the various concessions granted to them by Government. Messrs. K. A. P. Viswanatham and M. Natarajan spoke in Tamil. A large number of public meetings were addressed throughout the district by the members of the National War Front in close co-operation with the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who arranged all the public meetings in accordance with a programme drawn up by them and aproved by the Propaganda Sub-Committee in advance. All the meetings were largely attended. Fourteen well-attended public meetings were organiezd and held in Musiri division, 18 in Karur divison, 20 in Ariyalur division, and 25 in Trichinopoly division. Mr. K. M. Rajagopalan, I.C.S., Sub-Collector, Karur, presided over a well-attended public meeting at Karur on October 30. Mr. Seetharama Servai, Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, presided over two well-attended public meetings held at Jayangondam and Kunnam. Mr. Koshy Muthalally, Revenue Divisional Officer, Trichinopoly, addressed two public meetings at Andhanallur and Pathalapatti in Trichinopoly taluk.

The District Organizer addressed 7 public meetings at Pullambadi, Sembattu, Vairampatti, Ponmalaipatti, Andhanallur, Kolathur, and Lalgudi, besides several village gatherings. The District Lecturer toured in 8 taluks and visited 36 villages, visited 25 Reading Circles and addressed 17 public meetings in all important centres. Among the Honorary Divisional Organizers, Mr. N. S. Rama Narasu, addressed 14 well-attended public meetings at Melakaruppur, Kolathur, Tirumalavadi, Jayangondam, Sendurai, Kunnam, Perambalur, Valikondapuram and Ariyalur. He visited several Reading Circles in his division. Mr. Muthuramalingam, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Karur, addressed 5 important public meetings at Thotakurichi, Vellianai, Chinnadharapuram and Karur. Mr. K. M. Palaniappa Mudaliyar, Honorary Divisional Organizer for Kulittalai, addressed 7 public meetings in his taluk at Manaparai, Tuvarankurichi, Lalapet, Mahadhanapuram and Nangavaram. Mr. P. N. Sadhasivam Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Musiri, addressed 14 public meetings in centres like Puvalur, Marudur, Musiri, Thottiyam, and Thathaiengarpettai. Mr. A. M. J. Dhanaswami Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer for Trichinopoly, organized and addressed 20 public meetings, besides visiting an equal number of Reading Circles in his division. The Taluk Propagandists visited 276 major villages in the district. Special mention must be made of Mr. A. John, taluk propagandist in charge of Perambalur and Mr. M. Sambandam, taluk propagandist in charge of Udayarpalayam, for their propaganda work in a maximum number of villages in their respective jurisdictions. The Ballad Master did useful work in 14 villages in Trichinopoly, Lalgudi, Musiri, and Manaparai taluks.

"Grow More Food" campaign was celebrated in all the taluks of the district from October 25 to 31. The Revenue Department, in close co-operation with the National War Front, Agricultural and Co-operative Departments, arranged public meetings in all important centres throughout the district. The meetings were supplemented by dialogues, dramas, ballad singing, slogan shouting, leaflet distribution and poster display. Agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions were held wherever possible. Ten special prizes were announced to be awarded to ten enthusiastic agriculturists in the district selected by the District Agricultural Officer, in recognition of their special merit in agriculture. Processions of school children with placards and agricultural songs and slogans were taken out in several villages. The Collector presided over two meetings one at Ariyalur and another at headquarters. The Sub-Collector, Karur, the District Agricultural Officer, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the District Registrar, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Inspectors of Schools, presided over many of the meetings in various villages in their jurisdiction. The

District Organizer, the District Lecturer and the entire staff of the National War Front, placed themselves at the disposal of the Organizers of the Week. Several prizes in the shape of agricultural implements, bags of manure and seeds were distributed to deserving ryots in all centres. The celebrations concluded with a public meeting on October 31 at the headquarters presided over by the Collector.

BELLARY.—The District Organizer and his staff toured the district and held meetings. Propaganda material was distributed. A Refresher Course was held at Anantapur between September 29 and October 3. The National War Front workers succeeded in getting a large number of people to take the pledge. War films were exhibited in Hospet and other important places which were much appreciated. The Executive Committee of the District War Committee held a meeting on October 27 at Adoni. The work of the National War Front progressed satisfactorily.

Propaganda Vans

A short summary of the working of the Propaganda Vans for the month of October 1942, is given below :—

1. *MSC*. 34384 (Simpson's gift van).—This van was exclusively allotted to the district of Chittoor. From the 5th to the 17th October it toured in the taluk of Chandragiri and from the 18th to the 31st in the taluk of Kalahasti. During the period, the van visited 63 villages.

2. *MSC*. 6946.—During the whole of the month the van toured in the South Arcot district, except for a slight breakdown for a few days. On intimation received from the District Organizer, the Senior Van Inspector and the Projector Inspector were sent to set right the defects.

3. *MSC*. 6947.—The van toured throughout the month in the Salem district. Since a separate and smaller van is to be allotted to the Nilgiris district, MSC. 6947 will, in future, tour in the two districts of the group, viz., Salem and Coimbatore until such time as separate vans are allotted for these districts also.

4. *MSC*. 6983.—Having been exclusively allotted to Vizagapatam, it toured 42 places in the district during the period from the 8th to the 28th of the month under review. Opportunity was taken of the visit of the vans in the following places for propaganda in connection with the 'Food Production Week' Celebrations: Anakapalle, Simhachalam, Chinagantyada, Gajuvaka and Bobbili.

5. *MSC*. 6984.—This van toured from the 2nd to 16th of the month 33 villages in the Nellore district, for which it has been exclusively allotted. The generator engine of the van went out of order and had to be repaired; consequently, it was not used during the rest of the month.

6. *MSC*. 6985.—This is also a van separately allotted to the Kistna district and as such it toured in 25 villages in the district during the month. It is reported that temporary breakdowns were set right then and there by the operator and the driver of the van.

7. *MSC*. 7160.—Since the Madura Bomber Van has been doing National War Front Propaganda in the Madura district itself, this Government Van which has been allotted to the Districts of Tinnevelly and Ramnad, toured till the 11th in the Tinnevelly district and then in the Ramnad district.

8. *MSC*. 7161.—For a major part of the month, this van toured in the Bellary district and on the 27th of the month it left for work in the Anantapur district. A new van which was recently fitted up would work in the Ceded Districts.

9. *MSC*. 7162.—During the month, the van visited 52 places in the Malabar district.

10. *MSC*. 7468.—Since the North Arcot District Organizer specially wanted the use of this van in his district during the month of October also, he was permitted to keep it. During the month under review, it visited 20 places and a special programme was also arranged at Vellore on 10th October 1942 during the annual police sports when it screened war films. On a report from the District Organizer, the Senior Van Inspector was sent to set right some generator trouble.

11. *MSC*. 7536.—This van, though only partially equipped, did propaganda work in Madras City, under the control of the District Organizer. It is hoped to equip this van with a cinema projector shortly.

12. *MSC*. 7537.—This van was used for occasional propaganda purposes in the city, since it has not yet been fully equipped.

13. The following district vans carried on National War Front Propaganda in the districts noted below :—

(1) District bomber van.	Madura district—	Funds for repairing this van have been provided.
(2) District board van.	East Godavari district.	
(3) District board health van.	Guntur district—	Since this van was no longer fit for propaganda, it is proposed to send one of the new vans to this district after fitting it up with the necessary equipment.

14. *MSC*. 7629.—This van continued exclusively to exhibit feature films for the benefit of the troops in and around Madras.

15. *MSC.* 736.—This small van has been equipped with a 16 mm. projector and provided with 16 mm. sound films. It has now been allotted for exclusive propaganda to the Nilgiris whither it will proceed after painting. During the month, however, it was sent round the fisher villages near Madras in charge of the District Organizer, Madras, exhibiting war shots.

16. The Veterinary Department van mentioned in the last review is being fitted up with cinema equipment and it has been decided to allot this van for cinema shows to troops exclusively and to release van No. MSC. 7629 for National War Front propaganda in the Guntur district.

17. *MSC.* 7665.—This is one of the new vans that arrived from Calcutta and this has also been fitted up. It has been allotted to the Ceded districts group.

18. *Fresh additions.*—Four new vans arrived from Calcutta and arrangements for purchasing cinema projectors and other necessary equipment are in hand. As soon as they are fitted up, they will be allotted to districts which have not yet been provided with separate vans already.

19. Before the fully equipped vans referred to in the previous paragraphs are allotted to the districts mentioned, they have to be provided with films, gramophone records, etc., before they are put on the road.

20. *Films.*—Besides the six Walt Disney Cartoons already supplied to vans, four more new ones were hired and distributed to vans not already provided with such cartoons. Fresh propaganda films (which are being received from the Film Advisory Board) will be distributed to new as well as the older vans already touring in the districts, by redistribution according to the linguistic areas in which the vans are allotted.

21. Leaflets, slides and other propaganda material were as usual distributed to vans, as and when they were available.

War Committees, Depots, Etc.

Propaganda Sub-Committee

There was a meeting of the Propaganda Sub-Committee on October 26. The Committee offered its congratulations to Mr. M. Ruthnaswami, C.I.E., on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University.

The Committee co-opted Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai as a member of the Propaganda Sub-Committee.

Two hand-bills entitled "Remember" and "Don't" were printed (back to back) and were distributed.

The prize of Rs. 100 for the best War composition in Tamil was awarded to Mr. M. N. M. Pavalar, Playwright and Poet, All-India Radio, Egmore, Madras. Necessary steps are being taken for the recording of the composition on the gramophone.

The War compositions received in Malayalam and Telugu were not up to the mark. Fresh entries were called for through advertisements in newspapers.

The Committee suggested that its leaflets might be sent also to the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, for distribution to the Temple Committees and Devasthanams offices.

Khan Bahadur Muhammad Moosa Sait Sahib Bahadur was appointed to the Emergency Committee in place of the Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur.

Recruitment Sub-Committee

District Recruitment Sub-Committees.—From the monthly reports received from districts it is seen that recruitment is progressing satisfactorily. Collectors of the districts are being circularized about the requirements of the General Headquarters for particular units both in the ranks and commissioned officers.

Sir Arthur Hope Club for Indian Soldiers.—The Club is showing good progress, and there is a satisfactory attendance of soldiers. Interest is being evinced by non-officials in arranging "At Homes" and entertainments to soldiers.

The Provincial Selection Board.—The Board met thrice during October. One hundred and fifteen candidates were interviewed, 33 of whom were recommended for the Land Forces, Navy or the Air Force and 21 for the Cadet Training School at Adyar, Madras.

Civil Pioneer Force.—Seventy candidates were interviewed by the Madras Provincial Selection Board, 19 of whom were selected for various commissioned ranks in the Force. As, however, a communication was received from the Government of India that the fourth Unit was not to be raised at present, 12 of the 17 candidates selected have been kept in reserve.

Office shifted to Senate House.—The Syndicate of the University of Madras having kindly placed rooms in the Senate House at the disposal of the Provincial Recruitment Committee, the office was shifted to the Senate House and is functioning there from October 26. All interviews and meetings of the Board are being held at the Senate House.

Joint War Charities Depot

Among other things, the Joint War Charities Depot at Government House, Madras, is the official representative in the Madras Province, of the Red Cross Prisoners of War work. The conditions governing communication with prisoners of war are entirely different for prisoners in Europe and prisoners in the Far East. Recent heavy fighting in the Middle East has very largely increased the number of Indian prisoners of war in Europe. The Indian Comforts Fund in London now packs and despatches to Geneva some 20,000 food parcels per week to Indian prisoners of war. The International Red Cross Committee at Geneva takes over the responsibility for distributing food and clothing to all camps where Indians are known to be; the bales and cases are specially marked for this purpose. The cost is borne by the Indian Joint War Organization of the Red Cross and St. John, who also buy in India and despatch to England certain foodstuffs in bulk, to be included in these parcels. A detailed report has been received by the Indian Comforts Fund from the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva, giving the whereabouts of Indians, and also stating that the prisoners have been receiving their parcels.

The position with regard to prisoners in Japanese hands is somewhat different. Letters may be sent, but no individual parcels as yet. Ships containing bulk supplies of food have, however, been despatched from India, South Africa, Australia, Great Britain, Canada and America, and it is understood that some of this cargo has been disembarked at Singapore, Hongkong and Manila. As regards future assistance, a comprehensive scheme for supplies in bulk by relief ships is under way, but has not yet been accepted in principle by the Japanese Government. No individual parcels or books can be received at present.

Hospital supplies issued to local hospitals, medical units and convalescent homes :—

Roller bandages	5,520
Triangular bandages	370
Many tail bandages	50
T. bandages	80
Gauze dressings	7,500
Cotton wool	36 lb.
Lint	38 „
Surgeon's tow	5 „
Plaster	22 tins.
Operation towels	10
Pyjamas	222
Aprons	22
Surgeon's sets	24
Surgeon's masks	2
Helpless jackets	10
Sheets	544
Pillow cases	16
Pillows	26
Mattresses	22
Bedspreads	36
Blankets	64
Towels	235
Bath mats	48
Face washers	44
Table mats	144
Tray cloths	56
Bed pan covers	20
Canvas haversacks	3
Soiled linen bags	8
Medicine clothes	60
Fomentation wringers	55
Sandbag sets	10
Beaded net covers	50
Dusters	20
Dish clothes	6
Mosquito netting	54 yards.
Khaki mufflers	500
White socks	4 pairs.
Overbed tables	24
Bed rests	18
Crutches	6
Walking sticks	2
Waste paper baskets	53
Fly swats	42
Hand fans	132
Bed side bells	6
Hot water bottles	26
Ice bags	2
Thermos flasks	12
Torches	2
Batteries and bulbs	14
Clocks	5
Scissors	1
Clinical thermometer	1
Bandage rollers	3
Ashtrays	65
Dressing jar	1
Bed pan brushes	4
Enamel bowls	12
Enamel basins	7
Soap dishes	10
Kidney dishes	6
Trays	26
Feeding cups	8
Sputum cups	6
Enamel mugs	32
Milk jugs	22
Hot water jugs	8
Glass water jugs	8
Aluminium plates	3
Roasting tins	2
Cruets	9
Wire dish covers	3
Zinc drums	2
Lemon squeezers	2
Flower vases	60
Ice cream freezer	1
Degchies	4
Kettles	7
Egg poachers	2
Jelly moulds	4
Double steamer	1
Frying pans	2
Fish slice	1
Bread knives	6
Jam pots	8
Slop basins	8
Glass dishes	12
Flat dishes	10
Tumblers	84
Plates	144
Coffee cups	24
Sherry glasses	36
Cheese graters	2
Toast racks	12
Scales	1
Corkscrew	1
Mirrors	48
Shaving sticks	144
Razor blades	168 packets.
Nail brushes	2
Toothpaste	24
Combs	12
Soap	94
Hair oil	6
Boot polish	6
Metal polish	6
Writing pads	137
Envelopes	88 packets.

Blotting paper	22 sheets.
Pens	6
Pencils	12
Nibs	1 box.
Ink	12 bottles.
Penknife	1
Drawing pins	2 boxes.
Postcards	50
Cigarettes	3,620
Beedis	7,000
Tobacco	1 lb.
Biscuits	26 ,,
Sweets	147 ,,
Carrom	5
Chess	7
Other games	14
Playing cards	64
Dartboards	5
Table tennis	1
Radio	1
Loudspeaker	1
Gram pick up	1
Gramophones	5
Records	48
Music books	2
Football bladders	4
Football pump	1
Hockey balls	6
Vernacular books and magazines	8

Amenities for Troops issued from Madras Depot :—

Khaki shirts	8
Pyjamas	712
Shirts	150
Aprons	100
Sheets	128
Pillow cases	56
Towels	24
Dish clothes and dusters	184
Swabs	100
Glass clothes	20
Net covers	335
Table napkins	30
Cricket sets	2
Footballs	55
Spare bladders	23
Hockey sticks	166
Hockey balls	39
Hockey byguards	1 pair.
Volley ball	19
Tennikoit	15
Table tennis	4
Badminton	15
Basket ball	13
Baseball	2
Carrom	16
Dart sets	21
Indoor games	80
Playing cards	184
Tennis balls	28
Wireless sets	8
Loudspeakers	2
Gramophones	25
Records	170
Harmonium	3
Flutes	6
Writing pads	6
Envelopes	200
Ink	4 bottles.
Pens	6
Pencils	6
Fly swat	1
Water jar	1
Insecticide	1 gallon.
Soup ladle	1
Empty cotton reels	2,500
Cheroots	3,800
Beedis	96,000
Vernacular books and magazines	
Circulating library for books and records.	
Khaki stockings	50
Navy pullovers	12

Welfare Committees

WEST GODAVARI.—Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors inquired regularly into the welfare of the families of soldiers.

GUNTUR.—Welfare of the families of soldiers serving overseas were closely watched.

NILGIRIS.—Families of the members of the fighting forces, both Indian and others, were visited by the District Organizer and help was rendered where necessary.

VIZAGAPATAM.—All the Taluk Welfare Committees worked satisfactorily.

RAMNAD.—All the Taluk Welfare Committees held their usual monthly meetings. Lady members of the Sattur, Ramnad and Tiruvadanai taluks continued to take a keen interest in their work.

NORTH ARCOT.—During the month, group Commanders visited 2,835 families of soldiers serving overseas.

KURNOOL.—All the Taluk Welfare Committees turned out good work.

SALEM.—All the Taluk Welfare Committees worked satisfactorily.

Salvage and Waste Collections

RAMNAD.—All taluk officers are keen on this work and reports from taluk centres are satisfactory. Five bags of waste paper were sent to the Punalur Paper Mills from Paramakudi. From Sattur taluk, one bag of waste paper and iron was forwarded to the Chairman of the Waste Paper and Scrap Iron Committees. Eleven bags of waste paper have been collected at Tirupattur. Sivaganga has sent in 10 bags of waste paper. Srivilliputtur has collected 4 bags of waste paper.

Assistance to Evacuees

RAMNAD.—During the month, a sum of Rs. 6,868 was sanctioned for nearly 459 evacuee families. The proposal to open a co-operative society at Panaikulam has been accepted and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has ordered the registration of the society. A coir industry works have been proposed to be opened at Kilakarai. An Urban Co-operative Society at Elayangudi is in the process of formation.

The District Labour Officer toured Ramnad and Sivakasi divisions to find out suitable employment for the evacuees. The Additional District Labour Officer is attending to the work of granting allowances to evacuees.

The evacuee camp at Tiruthangal continued to turn out good work. Patients from the surrounding villages are housed and nursed in the camp. It has been found necessary to enlarge the camp and an additional Rs. 2,000 has been applied for from the Provincial War Committee. The Reserve Sub-Assistant Surgeon of Ramnad District Board is in charge of the camp.

Special consideration is given to the applications of evacuees for grant of land under the "Grow More Food" scheme. One taluk propagandist and one honorary taluk organizer are evacuees. One evacuee was recommended for absorption in the technical personnel of the Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Trichinopoly. It has been proposed to start test works, one of which is road work and the other an estate irrigation work.

Appointment of Refugee Officers

To help to establish and maintain contact with evacuees in various parts of India the Government of India have appointed four Central Refugee Officers for the Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western Zones of India. The Officer for Southern Zone is Mr. G. D. Williams (Southern Zone), whose office is at "Park View," 171, Poonamallee High Road, Madras. In addition Messrs. M. V. Sitaram and E. Ramanathan have Hospital requisites, 265 articles; knitted garments, 29 pieces.

Women's Work Party

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Women's Work Party did substantial work in the month of October under hospital requisites and knitted garments. They supplied the following: Hospital requisites, 265 articles; knitted garments, 29 pieces.

Recruitment Activities

WEST GODAVARI.—Twenty-five persons in Tadepalligudem taluk and 7 persons in Bhimavaram taluk were recruited during the month. Four persons were recruited in Kovvur taluk and 39 and 3 persons, respectively, in Narasapur and Tanuku taluks. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kovvur, held a meeting in connexion with War Injuries Scheme on October 14. It was decided to form First Aid parties in the division and to send men from villages for training.

GUNTUR.—Altogether 417 persons were recruited during this month and 107 were recruited as War Technicians for the two training centres at Guntur.

MALABAR.—The Recruiting Sub-Committee interviewed 10 candidates for Emergency Commission and recommended one to the Provincial Board. One candidate was also recommended for admission in the Cadet Training School. Out of the 123 candidates interviewed by the District Technical Selection Committee, 81 were recommended for selection as War Technicians.

NILGIRIS.—The District Organizer, National War Front, in his capacity as Honorary Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, despatched seven recruits to Coimbatore. Six applications have also been forwarded. The Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer toured the district for three days.

CHITTOOR.—A meeting of the Recruitment and Propaganda Sub-Committee of the District War Committee was held on October 12. The Assistant Recruiting Officer and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer toured the district. Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have been asked to give them every assistance.

SOUTH ARCOT.—Altogether 460 men were recruited for the army. "Stay Put" was explained clearly to villagers by the National War Front staff in the course of their tours. Villagers were taught to look upon military men as friends and to render them all possible assistance. Six candidates were selected to undergo War Technicians' training.

SOUTH KANARA.—Two applications for admission to the Cadet Training School were sent up. Pamphlets on technical training scheme were distributed.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer recruited 43 men. Eleven candidates were selected as War Technicians by the District Collector.

RAMNAD.—For the army, 195 men were recruited. Twenty candidates were selected as War Technicians. The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Madura, and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers of Sivaganga and Virudhunagar toured the district. Revenue officials and village officers rendered them all help.

NORTH ARCOT.—Altogether 877 men were secured for the army. Fifty men were recruited at Tiruvannamalai, Chengam and Polur for the Civil Pioneer Force. Fourteen men were recruited for other cadres of service such as R.I.N., R.I.A.C., etc.

TANJORE.—A meeting of the District Selection Committee was held on October 26 when 9 candidates were selected for admission to the War Technicians' Course. Intensive propaganda was carried on throughout the district in connexion with recruitment.

COIMBATORE.—Subordinates of the Revenue Department assisted the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers and the Assistant Recruiting Officer in their tours in the district.

KURNOOL.—Capt. A. B. Gault attended a meeting of the Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee on October 22 and spoke on "Recruitment." The Committee co-opted the Rev. W. D. Stutton, Principal of Coles Memorial High School, as a member of the Sub-Committee. The Revenue subordinates secured 48 recruits. The two Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers were given all the necessary help by the Revenue subordinates.

One application for Commission in the Civil Pioneer Force and one application for admission to the Cadet Training School were sent up.

Six applicants were selected for the War Technicians course by the District Selection Committee.

SALEM.—The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, Salem South, recruited over 350 men and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, Salem North, secured more than 250 men. The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Bangalore, visited Sankari, Trichengode and Dharmapuri taluks.

NELLORE.—One hundred and thirty-seven men were recruited for the Civil Pioneer Force. The War Technicians Selection Committee selected two candidates.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee met twice on October 2 and 23 and interviewed 6 candidates and recommended 4 out of them for Emergency Commissions. Twenty-six sets of recruiting pamphlets from Captain Leonard, Assistant Recruiting Officer, were received and distributed among the members of Sub-Committee in charge of recruitment. The number of recruits sent up by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Trichinopoly, was 216. The Selection Committee for War Technicians interviewed 58 applications and selected 21 out of them.

Recruitment for Non-Commissioned Officers and Civil Pioneer Force was made by the Revenue Divisional Officers and the Sub-Collector, Karur. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri, sent up 14 recruits to Bellary. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, sent 40 recruits and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Trichinopoly, recruited 20.

The Poona Military Van visited Trichinopoly, Manaparai, and Perambalur and exhibited films.

ANANTAPUR.—The following persons have offered money prizes to be awarded to those who have done good work in the matter of recruitment during the quarter ending December 31:

Khan Sahib Janab Hamiduddin Sahib, Anantapur; Mr. G. Somi Reddy, District Organizer, Anantapur; Janab Syed Ahmed Sahib, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur, and Khan Bahadur Janab Buddan Sahib Bahadur, Hindupur.

BELLARY.—On the whole, 447 men were recruited for the army. This included 147 persons recruited for the Civil Pioneer Force who wished to be transferred to the regular force.

Following are the statistics available from the districts:—

Recruitment to the army.—North Arcot 877; Salem 600; South Arcot 460; Bellary 447; Guntur 417; Trichinopoly 216; Ramnad 195; West Godavari 78; Kurnool 48 (figure incomplete); Vizagapatam 43; Nilgiris 7.

War Technicians.—Guntur 107; Malabar 81; Trichinopoly 21; Ramnad 20; Vizagapatam 11; Tanjore 9; South Arcot 6; Nellore 2.

Civil Pioneer Force.—Nellore 137; Trichinopoly 74; North Arcot 50; Kurnool 1 (recommended for commission).

Emergency Commission (recommended).—Trichinopoly 4; Malabar 1.

Cadet Training School (recommended).—Malabar 1; Kurnool 1.

Village Reading Circles

In October, the Director of War Publicity visited Guntur and Nellore districts and inspected the following Reading Circles:—

Guntur	**Etikur.**
	Pattipadu.
	Kolokalur.
Nellore	**Kondayapalem.**
	Matharasugudur.

GUNTUR.—Four Reading Circles were formed this month. Capt. G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, visited three Reading Circles near Guntur.

SOUTH ARCOT.—National War Committees, consisting of five members each were formed in the villages of Gidangal, Kanjanur, Nemur, Ulagankathan and Mudianur to work under the auspices of the Village Reading Circles. The Secretary of the Reading Circle has been appointed President of the Committee. These Committees are meant to carry on propaganda work.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Revenue Divisional Officer, Parvatipur, inspected the Reading Circle at Mugada, Perumalai and Uttaravilli villages in Bobbili taluk. The

Deputy Tahsildar of Salur inspected the Reading Circles at Arikitota, Busayavalsa, Ramabhadrapuram, Pachipenta, Sambara and Chemudu. The Village Reading Circles are proving to be useful agencies for giving correct war news to villagers.

RAMNAD.—All the Reading Circles continued to function properly. Several new Reading Circles were formed during this month. The District Organizer and Lecturer inspected a number of Reading Circles.

NORTH ARCOT.—All the 200 Reading Circles continued to work satisfactorily.

TANJORE.—Revenue subordinates inspected the Reading Circles in the course of their tours.

SALEM.—No new Reading Circle was formed this month. All the existing Reading Circles continued to do good work.

NELLORE.—Two new Reading Circles were formed in the taluks of Udayagiri and Kavali. The Revenue Divisional Officers inspected the work of the Reading Circles.

TRICHINOPOLY.—Many of the Reading Circles were visited by the staff of the National War Front, besides the inspection visits by the officers of the Agricultural Veterinary, Revenue and Co-operative departments. The Secretaries of the Reading Circles were instructed to preserve the war literature suppplied and use it regularly.

BELLARY.—The work of the Reading Circles showed marked improvement. The Honorary Divisional Organizers and Taluk Propagandists are looking after the work of the Reading Circles. Their work was inspected by the District Organizer during his tours.

Govt. Departments and War Effort

Co-operative Department

"Grow More Food" Campaign.—The officers and staff of the Department are heartily co-operating with District Collectors in celebrating the "Grow More Food" week in as impressive a manner as possible. In the Kodaikanal taluk of the Madura district 55 acres of land have been brought under potato cultivation and co-operative societies have advanced loans to the extent of Rs. 800 for reclaiming the lands. In Chingleput district, 7,246 lb. of seeds of improved varieties of paddy were obtained from the Agricultural Department and distributed to cultivators. Land colonization schemes have been introduced in 4 centres in the districts and 32·83 acres of waste land have been brought under cultivation. In the South Arcot district, 7 societies have been selected in consultation with the District Agricultural Officer and the Central Bank, which will finance the ryots coming under a scheme of seed multiplication proposed by the Agricultural Department to raise improved strains of paddy sufficient to cover an area of 1½ lakhs of acres within a period of two years. The Deputy Registrar, Vellore, has arranged to obtain Rs. 120 from the Vellore District Co-operative Central Bank for instituting prizes in the shape of moat wheels, improved ploughs and manure bags, etc., to agriculturist-members of co-operative societies, who show the best results in increasing food crops. Co-operative Societies at Satyavada, Katipalli, Kota and Panangapalli in the East Godavari district purchased vegetable seeds and distributed them among their members.

Stores societies.—The stores societies in the Province continue to make steady progress. During the month, 5 new stores societies in Kurnool, 3 in Guntur, 7 in North Arcot, 1 in East Godavari and 12 in Vizagapatam district have been registered. New District Wholesale Co-operative Stores have been started in Chingleput and Guntur districts. The registration of a wholesale stores has been permitted in the Salem district also.

The Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society has been sanctioned an interest-free advance of Rs. 1 lakh for stocking food stuffs in addition to the loan of Rs. 2 lakhs recently issued to it for expansion of its normal business to cope with the increased demand from the public. Government have also lent the services of a Co-operative Sub-Registrar to work as the Head Accountant of the stores and have agreed to contribute half of the salary.

A special officer of the grade of Deputy Registrar has been appointed for a period of 3 months to work under the Registrar and to formulate proposals for the stocking and distribution of food stuffs in important towns on the coast and in the interior through the agency of co-operative societies.

Propaganda.—Inspectors in the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, North Arcot, East Godavari, Vizagapatam, Tinnevelly and Nellore did propaganda work in connexion with "Grow More Food" campaign. Most of them have been actually assisting in war propaganda. The Dairy Expert in the course of his tours in addition to showing films on modern dairying, screened the film, "Planes of Hindustan," kindly supplied by the Director of War Publicity at Madras, Anantapur and Bellary. At Anantapur it was screened on the

occasion of the opening of the "Grow More Food Week" by the Collector of Anantapur and at Bellary to a gathering arranged by the District Agricultural Officer, Bellary.

Cottage Industries and War Production.—The Salkapuram Cumbli Weavers' Co-operative Society in Kurnool district obtained an order for 240 blankets from the A.R.P. authorities and 300 Army blankets from the Supply department. It produced 120 Army blankets during the month.

The Conjeeveram Pot Makers Co-operative Society in the Chingleput district equipped the evacuation camps at Athur and Kilambakkam, by supplying 1 lakh of mud dippers (for drinking water) and 3,100 mud pots (for cooking) valued at Rs. 1,445.

The Kanumolu Blanket Weavers' Co-operative Society supplied 44 blankets to A.R.P. Special Officer, Coimbatore and 30 to the Special Officer, Conjeeveram. The Kumbli Weavers' Co-operative Society at Bishalahalli in the Bellary district obtained an order for 60 blankets from the Supply Department and produced 20 blankets before the end of September.

The Palacole Fruit Growers' Co-operative Society in the Ellore district has undertaken to supply 6,000 limes twice a week to the Honorary Secretary of the Joint War Charities, Madras. Two consignment of graded limes have already been despatched by the society.

Weavers' Societies.

War Orders—Production of textiles (latest position).

	Name of cloth.	Quantity ordered.	Quantity produced.	Quantity passed in last month.
1	China sheeting ..	100,000	98,558	83,624
2	Mazri	528,000	447,792	30,808
3	Dusters	75,000	30,267	20,000
4	Dosuti	132,500	29,398	Nil.
5	Handkerchief Nos. ..	25,000	16,428	5,000
6	Bunting-yellow ..	20,525	20	Nil.
7	Huckaback towel ..	50,000	..	..
8	Bandage	285,000	125,100	11,465
9	Bandage for Plaster of Paris.	800,000	106,895	Nil.
10	Gauze	90,000	85,456	Nil.

Engineering Department

Static water supply.—Nine more tanks were completed during the month making a total of 131 tanks. As the experimental tank which was constructed in September 1942 is working satisfactorily, more tanks of this type will be constructed where enough space is available. Out of 11 storm water drains proposed to be utilized for fire fighting, two cases have been dropped as being not useful. Of the remaining 9 cases, 1 is under execution, for 5 numbers tenders have been called for, and estimates for 3 are in different stages of sanction.

Fire station.—Tenders for the construction of I floor in four fire stations have been called for and the estimates for the construction of 5 more fire stations are prepared. The site for these stations have been selected by the Director of Fire Services.

Slit trenches: street shelters and refuge sites.—Slit trenches lined and unlined have been constructed to accommodate 8,250 people so far and lined trenches to accommodate further 520 people are in progress, 140 street shelters of Parabolic type have been completed so far in different parts of the City, to accommodate about 7,000 people and 8 more in progress. Work on 89 refuge sites to accommodate 2,559 persons has been completed so far and sites have been selected for 60 more.

Wardens' posts.—Out of a total of 362 wardens' posts, work on 311 has been completed and the rest are in different stages of progress.

Aided schools and colleges.—Out of 243 numbers, work of improvements on 175 has so far been completed and the rest are in different stages of progress.

Subsidiary schemes and depots.—The inspection of subsidiary schemes of Government buildings are being conducted regularly and advices issued to the Heads of Institutions. Many improvements necessary for depots and canteens as per requisition received from the A.R.P. Controller are being attended to.

Progress in many A.R.P. works has been slow during the month, due to want of cement. In spite of certificate issued by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, the supply of cement has been very unsatisfactory due to large demand for Military and Aerodrome works in the Presidency. Only urgent and incomplete works were executed from the scanty supply received during the month.

Agricultural Department

Propaganda.—Propaganda was carried on by District Officers in the course of their official tours to educate the ryots on their duty in these critical days, to give their unstinted support to Government by enlisting in the army, by contributing money and by dispelling false rumours spread by idle gossip. These points were pressed home at a number of meetings throughout the province.

"Grow More Food" Campaign.—"Grow More Food Week" was inagurated throughout the Province during the latter half of the month and the celebrations were successfully carried out in co-ordination with the Revenue and Co-operative Departments. In several places, exhibitions were arranged and demonstrations conducted to impress on the ryots the necessity for bringing all the available areas under food crops. Processions with

placards and posters were taken round the streets and lectures were delivered in the evening. In Salem, a sum of Rs. 100 allotted for the Collector's discretionary grant was utilized for giving prizes in the shape of ploughs, mamutties and groundnut-cake to the ryots who took part in agricultural competitions. In Mangalore, processions of school children were organized carrying vegetables and sugarcane and repeating slogans at intervals on "how to increase food production."

Recruitment.—The District Agricultural Officer, Cocanada, addressed a meeting on October 24 at Ramachandrapuram for recruiting candidates at which Captain Inglis, Assistant Recruiting Officer, was present. The Agricultural Demonstrator, Melur, induced two candidates to join the army.

Civil defence.—The usual propaganda to enlist people in the A.R.P. and other internal civil defence organizations was carried on.

Entertainment.—A drama "True Brother" was staged by the members of the Recreation Club, Periyakulam, and the collections were given to the Amenities for Troops Fund.

Miscellaneous.—Prices of important agricultural commodities in important towns and of potatoes at Mettupalaiyam were continued to be furnished to the Director of Industries and Commerce and the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, Delhi. Information on the present stocks of potatoes in the Nilgiris and Mettupalaiyam was furnished to the Deputy Director of Foodstuffs, New Delhi.

Veterinary Department

Finance.—In addition to the contributions to the Defence Savings Provident Fund by the gazetted and non-gazetted officers of the Department and purchase of stamps for Post Office Defence Savings Certificates, a sum of Rs. 33 was contributed towards His Excellency the Governor's War Fund in October. The total remittances to the same Fund from hundi collections in the month amounted to Rs. 114–6–3.

Propaganda.—Intensive propaganda was carried on both by the stationary and touring officers of the Department to promote the war effort. The ryots bringing animals to Veterinary institutions were told of the danger threatening India at present and were asked to contribute liberally both by men and money to bring the war to a successful termination. Many Veterinary Assistant Surgeons visited Reading Circles, delivered lectures on the war, read, explained and distributed war bulletins issued by the war propaganda boards. Some Veterinary Assistant Surgeons are members of the taluk war committees.

Recruitment.—A Veterinary Assistant Surgeon of the Department was enrolled in the Indian Army Veterinary Corps during the month.

Development Department

A meeting of the Provincial Advisory Committee for War Supplies, Madras, was held on October 8, with Sir Hugh Hood, Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, in the chair. The Controller of Supplies, South India Circle, reviewed the progress made in respect of War supplies and informed the Committee that orders to the value of Rs. $1\frac{1}{4}$ crores and $2\frac{1}{8}$ crores were placed in South India in the months of July and August, respectively.

Under the scheme of fuller utilization and development of small-scale industry, orders to the value of 18 lakhs of rupees were placed for simple items of woodware, for sandals, knives, pith hats, nets, etc. These orders were being executed through the agency of Provincial and State Directors of Industries. The working of this scheme was being watched, and if the results proved satisfactory, it is expected that larger orders will be placed with small-scale industry for 1943.

The Committee were informed of the further steps taken by the Supply Department to speed up payment of contractors' bills and the arrangements made for the opening of Government Storage Depots at various centres of production for receiving and inspecting the stores which could not be despatched owing to wagon shortage or other reasons to enable the contractors to claim payments promptly. A system of 'Progress Payments' had also been introduced under which monthly payments will be made to contractors under certain conditions.

The Controller referred to the steps taken to give further encouragement and assistance to the coir industry in West Coast. He stated that all tent contractors in South India would in future be asked to use coir cordage for tents instead of cotton cordage. An order had been placed for certain special types of coir ropes and if these ropes prove satisfactory, large orders for these types of coir ropes were likely to result.

The question of speedy utilization of stocks of rubber that had accumulated in South India and the improvement of the Buckingham Canal with a view to making it more navigable and to relieve the burden on railway transport were then considered. It was resolved to make appropriate recommendations in these matters to the concerned authorities.

Industries and Commerce Department

Government Textile Institute, Madras.—Two specimen cumblies, size 10 feet by 4 feet, obtained from the Cumbly Weavers Societies were sent to the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras, in respect of tender for cumblies called for by the Assistant Director-General, Cotton Textiles, Bombay.

The supply of handloom blankets by the Cumbly Weavers Societies to the A.R.P. Officers continued during the month. As regards the order for 300 army blankets placed with the societies, 101 blankets were selected and sealed by the Indian Stores Department Inspecting Officer, Deccan, for despatch to Supply Department.

Samples of mazri yarn sent by the Supervisor, office of the Collective Weaving Centre, Salem, and by the Special Co-operative Sub-Registrar, Tinnevelly, were tested and a report was furnished. Samples of gauze, plaster of paris bandage, and huckaback towel were bleached and returned to the Yarn Commissioner, as desired by him.

The Madura Knitting Factory was advised to tender for a large quantity of vests to the Supply Department and they have accordingly sent in their tender for supply of 12,000 cotton knitted sleeveless vests every month.

As regards manufacture of Light Silk cordage required by the Supply Department, enquiries were instituted for taking up the braiding work, if yarn is supplied, and a sample cordage was made and sent for approval to the Supply Department.

War Technicians Training: Government School of Technology, Madras.—The training of war technicians continued to progress satisfactorily. There were 195 technicians in the school undergoing training in various trades in September 1942.

Government Industrial Engineering Workshops, Madras.—One hundred and eleven war technicians were undergoing training at this workshop during September 1942 as detailed below :—

Fitters	70	Machinists	4
Turners	26	Blacksmiths	11

Government Industrial School, Bellary.—During September 1942, 18 enrolled fitter trainees were transferred to the Madras Technical Training Centre, Anantapur and 8 fresh candidates were admitted in their places. The progress of the trainees during the month was satisfactory.

Government Industrial School, Madura.—The school gave intensive training in various trades to about 290 war technicians during September 1942. Forty-two trainees who underwent training were despatched to army units. The night shift worked as usual.

War supplies.—The War Supplies Official Agency received, during the month of October 1942, orders for the supply of the following items of stores and their production is in progress :

1.	Camouflage Nets	15,000
2.	Tent Mallets—Heads and Helves of different sizes.	11,640
3.	Tent poles of different varieties.	13,095

Government Industrial School, Calicut.—The school has manufactured and supplied various kinds of articles, such as, webbing bands, tally boards, push pins, incident boards, etc., required for the local A.R.P. organization during the month of September 1942.

As a preliminary effort to ensure a steady supply of silk cocoons for reeling purposes at the proposed Government Silk Factory, Kollegal, the ryots of Kollegal taluk are being encouraged to grow more mulberry and the acreage under mulberry has already been expanded and the exact number of acreage under mulberry will be known definitely at the end of the fasli year.

Engineering Activities

Bezwada Division.—Six hand-boring sets, two power-drills and two test engines were engaged for boring wells, and testing the yields of water at various places in connection with war activities.

Madras subdivision.—Three departmental kite motion pumps fitted in the provision centres at Nungambakkam, Chepauk and Vepery were inspected and kept in good working order during the month.

Chingleput division.—Four test engines were engaged in pumping out water at the evacuation camps at Atur, Nandambakkam and Vangattur.

Tanjore division.—Six hand-boring sets, one test engine and a power drill were engaged in war work. Two hand-boring sets were engaged for the Tindivanam Panchayat Board for conducting borings for providing water-supply to the evacuees from Madras, etc., and four hand-boring sets and one power-drill were engaged for putting down wells, etc., in connection with war activities at various places.

Coimbatore division.—One hand-boring set and two test engines were engaged in war work. Arrangements were being made to depute a test engine set to pump out water from a well at Mittamelpakkam in connection with water-supply to the evacuation camp. Another test engine set was ordered to be deputed to test the well in the compound of the Hindupur High School Hostel in connection with water-supply to the war technicians undergoing training. Two other hand-boring sets were deputed for war work.

Contributions to War Fund.—The departmental staff contributed a sum of Rs. 16–2–8 towards War Fund.

Civil defence activities.—Out of 14 candidates who appeared for the First Aid Examination for A.R.P. Subsidiary Scheme of this office and other subordinate offices in the city, 11 have come out of successful.

Madras Record Office

Subscription to the Defence Savings Provident Fund amounted to Rs. 90.

Defence savings groups were formed, consisting of 18 members and Rs. 43 was collected from them during the month for purchasing Defence Saving Certificates. A sum of Rs. 16–8–0 was also collected during the month for the purchase of Defence Savings Stamps from the members of the staff who could not join the Defence Savings group for purchase of Defence Savings Certificates.

Public Health Department

A. RECRUITMENT.

Scheme for the award of stipends to the final year students of the Medical Colleges and Medical Schools in India.—As a war time measure, the Government of India have sanctioned the award of a monthly stipend of Rs. 100/Rs. 50 and the grant of actual examination fee to the final year students of Mdical Colleges/Schools in India who undertake to serve in the Emergency Cadre/Branch of the I.M.S./I.M.D. on passing the final qualifying examination. Parents or guardians of such students are required to execute indemnity bonds for Rs. 2,500/Rs. 1,500 binding students to continue their studies until they passed the final qualifying examination or are called up for military duty or have failed to qualify themselves within the first two consecutive examinations or have been permitted by the Principal of the College or the Superintendent of the School to relinquish their studies. Stipends are payable for the whole final year irrespective of the date on which the bond is signed.

The Principals of all Medical Colleges in this Province have been requested to bring the scheme to the notice of the final year students and their parents and guardians as well.

It is hoped that the scheme will go a long way to provide the longfelt need for the supply of more doctors to the Army Department.

I. *Indian Medical Service.*—*(a) Indian Medical Service—Ordinary Commissions (General Service).*—During the month of October 1942, 22 applications were received for Ordinary Commission in the I.M.S., for general service anywhere in the World. Fourteen candidates were interviewed by the Madras Provincial (I.M.S.). Recruitment Committee and all of them were found fit and suitable for appointment in the Emergency Cadre of the I.M.S.

(b) Indian Medical Service—(Service in India only).—Applications were received from 5 candidates for appointment to the emergency cadre of the I.M.S. for local service within Indian limits. Three candidates were medically examined and also interviewed by the Madras Provincial (I.M.S.) Recruitment Committee and all of them were declared fit and suitable to hold Emergency Commissions in the I.M.S.

(c) Indian Medical Service—Specialists.—Two applications were received during the month under report for appointment as Specialists in the Emergency Cadre of the I.M.S. with the rank of Major. One candidate was found fit and suitable for appointment as a Major Specialist in Surgery. The application of the other candidate was rejected as he was found medically unfit.

(d) Indian Medical Service (Women's Branch).—No applications were received during the month for appointment to the women's branch of the I.M.S. and the recruitment to this branch of the I.M.S. has been temporarily suspended.

II. *Indian Medical Department (Assistant Surgeons—Indian Cadre).*—*(a) For general service anywhere in the world.*—There was one application pending disposal at the beginning of the month and five applications were received during October 1942, thus making a total of six. All the six applications are receiving the attention of the Surgeon-General.

(b) For general service within Indian limits.—Seven applications were received during the month under report and one was pending disposal on 1st October 1942. Out of the total of 8 applicants, 2 were interviewed by the Madras Provincial (I.M.D.) Recruitment Committee and were found to be fit and suitable for appointment to the Emergency Branch of the I.M.D. The remaining 6 applications are pending disposal for want of certain documents.

(c) Two permanent Civil Sub-Assistant Surgeons of the Madras Medical Subordinate Service were deputed for appointment in the Emergency Branch of the I.M.D. during the month under report.

III. *Civilian Doctors (Graduates).*—There was no recruitment to this class of appointment during the month under report, as no vacancy arose in the cadre of Civil Medical Practitioners (Graduates) within the confines of the Madras Military District.

IV. *Civilian Doctors (Licentiates) for employment in Military Hospitals in India.*—Out of the total of 14 vacancies reported in last month's report, one was filled up during the month of October 1942. Efforts are being made to fill up the remaining vacancies as early as possible.

Five applications were received during the month of October 1942 and 2 were pending on 1st October 1942. The following statistics will indicate the progress of recruitment to this category of service during October 1942.

Fit and suitable.	Unfit and unsuitable.	Pending on 1st November 1942.	Total.
1	1	5	7

V. *Anti-Malaria Medical Officer and Anti-Malaria Assistant.*—(i) *Anti-Malaria Medical Officers.*—During the month under report, no applications were received for appointment as Anti-Malaria Medical Officers in Military Stations in India.

(ii) *Anti-Malaria Assistants.*—The appended table will indicate the progress of recruitment made to this class of appointment during the month of October 1942 :—

Pending on 1st October 1942	35
Applications received during the month	3
Total	38
Number declared fit and suitable	22
Number withdrawn during the month	9
Number of applications pending disposal at the end of month	7
Total	38

VI. *Compounders, Laboratory Assistants and Radiographers.*—The recruitment of Compounders, Laboratory Assistants and Radiographers to war service has been stopped as per the telegram, dated 12th September 1942, received from the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi. The candidates whose applications were pending for want of certain documents have been informed that the further communication will be sent to them if and when their services are required. The candidates who are applying afresh are also informed of the same.

VII. *Army Nursing Services.*—(*a*) *Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary).*—During October 1942, seven applications were received for appointment to the Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary)—all from Nurses in Government service. A Nurse in Government service was selected for appointment in the Army Department.

Till recently no differentiation was made in regard to commencing pay in the Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary) between experienced nurses and those who join the service immediately after the qualifying examination. This inequity was pointed out to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi. With a view to encourage experienced nurses to volunteer for Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary) where they are urgently needed, the Government of India have ordered that experienced nurses who, after completion of their training and after reaching the age of 25 years, have rendered approved whole time service for 3 years or more, would be eligible for the award of increments of Rs. 10 for each completed period of 3 years subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.

(*b*) *Auxiliary Nursing Service.*—In connection with the training of Auxiliary Nursing Service candidates for the ensuing course which will be a residential one extending up to a period of nine months, about 60 candidates were summoned for interview at the Government General Hospital, Madras, on the 19th October 1942 of whom only about 50 appeared. So far 48 candidates have been selected and they will be posted for training to the training centres shortly. It will be possible to train about 60 candidates under the revised rules in Hospitals where facilities exist for such training, namely, Government General Hospital, Madras, Stanley Hospital, Madras and Erskine Hospital, Madura. A further selection of suitable candidates will be made shortly after which they will be posted for training.

The three hospitals in the Cochin State, namely General Hospital, Ernakulam, Civil Hospital, Trichur and Maharaja's Hospital, Muttancherry have also been recognized as training centres under the revised rules. It has been since reported by the Hospital authorities, that it will be possible to train 24 candidates in these three hospitals. Suitable candidates will be selected and posted for training shortly for which purpose the Lady District Superintendent will be visiting Ernakulam, by the first week of November 1942.

B. GENERAL.

I. *War effort with reference to A.R.P. (Medical).*—(*a*) *Blood Bank.*—The Govern- have sanctioned the proposal to use the King Institute Van for sending an unit from the King Institute, Guindy, for collection of blood from donors outside Madras City. Proposals for collecting blood from prisoner donors in the Central Jail, Coimbatore and from any other donors at Coimbatore and for sending the same in an ice box to Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, for further processing are under consideration.

The total number of donors of blood and the amount of plasma available up to 30th September 1942 are furnished below :—

Institute.	Number of donors.	Amount of plasma available in c.c.
King Institute, Guindy ..	1,653	172,850
Pasteur Institute, Coonoor.	114	8,465
King George Hospital, Vizagapatam.	93	4,805
Erskine Hospital, Madura.	54	4,650
Total ..	1,914	190,770

The balance amount of plasma available will suffice for 381 cases at a minimal dose of 500 c.c. per case. It has been decided that all time expired plasma from the King Institute, Guindy, be transferred to the Cold Storage in Government General Hospital, for use at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Hospital. Similar instructions have also been issued for the use of time-expired plasma prepared at the other three centres in this Presidency.

(*b*) Dr. N. Vydianathan, Civil Assistant Surgeon, Government General Hospital, Madras, has been deputed to undergo a course of training in the Medical treatment of Gas casualties, at Poona.

(*c*) The Civil Defence Commissioner has informed that the scheme for evacuation camps for road evacuees at Periapalayam and Kelambakam and for rail evacuees at Elavur, Vengathur and Attur has been abandoned and a new scheme is under preparation.

(*d*) *War Injuries Scheme.*—Medical Officer, The Madras Port Trust Dispensary has been appointed as Medical authority for the Madras Harbour area under sub-clause (*a*) of clause (4) of the War Injuries Regulations 1942.

(*e*) Proposals for storing of reserves of Medical Stores equipment for First Aid Posts and other Casualty Services in this Province are under consideration.

II. *A.R.P. Medical Organization in the Madras Fortress area First Aid Posts*—(*a*) *City.*—For the 28 First Aid Posts in the City, there are 98 doctors, 137 nurses and 230 First Aiders (paid 89 and voluntary 141).

(*b*) *Mufassal.*—For the 28 First Aid Posts in the mufassal, there are 14 doctors, 9 nurses and 42 First Aiders (paid 14 and voluntary 28).

(*c*) *Mobile First Aid Posts.*—The 5 Mobile First Aid Units fully manned and equipped are stationed at the five area hospitals. The Surgeon-General has been addressed regarding the formation of four more Mobile Units.

First Aid Parties.—Out of 155 First Aid Parties sanctioned, there are 90 parties (paid 89 and voluntary 1). The services of some First Aiders who were found medically unfit were terminated during the month. First Aid recruits are under training and they will soon be posted to form more parties.

Ambulances.—Out of 77 Ambulances, there are now 57 (A.R.P. owned 50, War Charities 2 and hospitals 5). There are now 109 ambulance attendants (paid 101 and voluntary 8).

Cars for First Aid Parties.—Out of 155 cars required, there are now 103 cars (A.R.P. owned 102 and volunteered 1).

Cars for Sitting Cases.—Out of 53 cars required, there are now 32 cars, all volunteered.

Training.—First Aiders in Parties and First Aid Posts are being trained in advanced stretcher drill, etc., by the Instructors and in Surgical dressings at the General, Stanley and Royapetta Hospitals.

III. *The St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.*—Over 4,680 First Aid, Home Nursing and A.R.P. Certificates have been issued during the past 10 months.

The Collectors and District Medical Officers of Trichinopoly, Madura, Salem and Tanjore have been addressed regarding the formation of Local Centres of the St. John Ambulance Association in those places. Government have sanctioned the deputation of the Rao Sahib Dr. K. Narayanan Nair, Corps Officer, Madras City Corps, for training in the No. 1 Instructor's course at the New Civil Defence Instructors' School, Hyderabad (Deccan), commencing from the 26th October 1942. The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has been addressed for the introduction of Mackenzie School course for boys and girls in this Presidency.

The Local Centres at Tuticorin, Cannanore, Cochin, Negapatam, Coimbatore and Kumbakonam have organized lectures in First Aid and many have obtained the certificates. About 60 persons in Negapatam who obtained the First Aid Certificates have joined the local A.R.P. Organization.

Miscellaneous.—A Variety entertainment was given in aid of the Troops' Amenities Fund. "Food Production Week" campaign was conducted when lectures were delivered on "Grow more food." Magic lantern demonstrations were held and lectures delivered by the sanitary staff on "The present war situation." Cinema shows of the film "Planes of Hindustan" were given. Mass meetings were held in villages. Assistance to recruiting and distribution of war pamphlets was also given.

Police Department

A sum of Rs. 167–12–0 was subscribed towards the War Fund during October by the Police Officers.

Educational Department

During the month under report, a sum of Rs. 107 was collected from the members of the staff of the Department and Defence Savings Certificates were purchased.

The following pamphlets and pictures were distributed among the Educational institutions: War in pictures (No. 17 in Telugu); Picture of Their Majesties; Prospectus of the Cadet Training School, Adyar; National War Front—Pamphlet. The weekly reviews were as usual distributed to all colleges in the Presidency.

Connemara Library

In addition to the pamphlet, namely, "Two years of War," being a summary of important matters connected with the Indian Defence Services with special reference to the year 1940–41, and "Weekly Commentary" received from the Government of India, Defence Department and "The Counters and Background Material" received from the Director, Counter-Propaganda Directorate,

the Government of India, this Library is regularly in receipt of the Leaflet issued by the Madras Provincial War Committee, and the Publications issued by the British Ministry of Information (viz., War in Pictures and Neptune, and the maps issued by the Chinese Ministry of Information, Calcutta (viz., Map of the China Front, June 1942) all of which are assembled on the readers' tables where they are widely read by the public. The war propaganda pictures issued by the local propaganda committee are also being exhibited in prominent places in the Library.

"Grow More Food"

Green Leaf Manure

As a means of achieving the ideal, namely, complete prohibition of removal of green leaf manure from reserved forests, the Government have been adopting a policy of increasing the rates of fees charged for the removal. The fees for removal fixed in 1939 were Rs. 3–8–0 per cart load for Tinnevelly, Rs. 2 per cart load for certain districts and Rs. 1–8–0 per cart load for certain other districts. The Government have now directed that in view of the imperative need for growing more food crops these rates should be reduced by 50 per cent temporarily for the duration of the war.

With a view to increasing the growing of vegetables, the Government have also decided to lease lands in the reserved forests for the temporary cultivation of vegetables.

Vegetable Cultivation

The Government have sanctioned the creation of a temporary post of Special Officer for Vegetable Cultivation for a period of one year from the date of employment. The Special Officer will be in charge of the cultivation of English vegetables on about 250 acres on the Nilgiris and of Indian vegetables on about 750 acres in the plains. He will work on consultation with the local officers of the Agricultural department who will be in administrative charge of the work. His headquarters will be at Coonoor. Rao Saheb B. S. Nirody, retired Kanarese Translator to Government, has been appointed as Special Officer.

Price Control

RAMNAD.—Control of price of sugar, kerosene and wheat continued in the district and they have had the desired effect bringing down inflation of prices of all commodities. The Co-operative Stores at Virudhunagar and Sivakasi continued to supply food grains to the poor at less than market rates. The Poorman's Depot at Rajapalayam functioned satisfactorily. Messrs. M. S. M. M. Meyappa Chettiyar of Karaikudi and N. K. R. Perianna Nadar of Sivakasi have offered to open similar depots.

Food Grains Control

Applications for licences under the Foodgrains Control Order, 1942, were till recently received and disposed of by the Five Grain Control Officers with headquarters at Madras, Bezwada, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Cuddapah. The Government have since transferred this work to the Commercial Tax Department and have abolished the five posts of Grain Control Officers. Applications for licences under the Food Grains Control Order, 1942, should in future, be made to the District Collector in the case of the Nilgiri district and to the Commercial Tax Officer of the district concerned elsewhere in the Province.

The Government have had under consideration the question of strengthening the present machinery for control of prices. The Government of India have also suggested that the appointment of whole-time inspecting staff in the districts would add considerably to the efficiency of the existing machinery for price control and market intelligence, the duties of such staff to include not merely the checking of returns of stocks, purchases and sales submitted by wholesale dealers but also investigation into individual complaints of profiteering and collection of information about prices and supplies. The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) which was consulted has suggested that the work may be entrusted to the Commercial Tax Department throughout the province. As the present Commercial Tax staff are in touch with merchants and their accounts already the Government have approved the Board's proposal to entrust the work to the Commercial Tax department and have also directed that with the transfer of the work to that department the existing 5 posts of Grain Control Officers be abolished.

Relief to Weavers

RAMNAD.—A sum of Rs. 1,352–7–6 was distributed among distressed weavers. The largest number of weavers relieved during the month was 325. So far Rs. 12,557–2–0 has been disbursed as dole. The Co-operative Society at Puliampatti continued to function satisfactorily. The Special Revenue Inspector of Aruppukottai taluk is in charge of distribution of dole.

Civil Defence

MALABAR.—Much progress has been made in the A.R.P. arrangements at Calicut, Cannanore and Tellicherry. An air raid practice was held in Calicut on October 24.

RAMNAD.—A.R.P. arrangements at Mandapam-cum-Dhanushkodi area were completed.

TANJORE.—The A.R.P. organization worked satisfactorily.

SALEM.—Partial relaxation of lighting restrictions came into operation. There was a siren test on October 25 and the public response was satisfactory.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The National Fire Service Officers from England arrived in Trichinopoly towards the end of September. The training of the Fire-fighting personnel of the Trichinopoly Fire Brigade is going on vigorously. The town has since been raised to a first-class station for organizing A.R.P. Schemes. Sixty-five thousand sand bags have been received from the A.R.P. Stores Officers, Calcutta. The monthly air raid practice was held on October 20.

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras Station

"On this day we think of the memorable signal that Nelson made at Trafalgar—that call to every man in the fleet to do his duty. Be assured that the officers and men of India's Navy will do theirs, and that they will strain their utmost to hasten the hour of victory." This assurance was given by Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert, Flag Officer commanding the Royal Indian Navy, broadcasting from Delhi on October 21, in commemoration of the great victory at Trafalgar 137 years ago. The same day the Madras Station broadcast a special feature entitled "Nelson at Trafalgar."

The usual news talks and news reviews in the four principal languages of the Presidency were continued during the month.

The mounting offensive of the Allies as evidenced by the change in the African scene, the Naval action in the Pacific and the epic struggle in Stalingrad was pointed out in a series of topical talks in Tamil and Telugu. The insidious influence of rumour and the citizen's duty to discountenance it were stressed by Mr. T. S. Nataraja Pillai in a talk on "Rumour" in the series "Nip it in the Bud." The deceptive nature of the Axis slogans both in the economic and political spheres was the theme of two talks entitled "Children of the Sun" and "Co-prosperity in Practice," broadcast on October 13 and 16, respectively. The mutual contradictions of the Axis broadcasts and the atrocities committed by the Axis powers in the countries under their occupation as contrasted with their pious promises, were the subject of a number of talks in English, Tamil and Telugu. To mention a few, on October 13, Dr. B. V. Narayanaswami Naidu, talking in the series "The Axis Speaks," exposed the inconsistencies of enemy broadcasts and similar talks in Telugu, under the caption "Says the Enemy" were radiated on October 9 and 23. The same subject was dealt with in Tamil in the talks broadcast on October 3, 17 and 31 under the caption "Double Tongue."

On October 12, Miss Susan Fergussen gave an account of the changes that have come over the educational system of U.S.A. as a result of the war and on October 30, Mr. M. Venkataramiah pointed out the need for common effort to sustain and improve public morale, especially in towns. Mr. P. Prakasa Rao gave a few practical suggestions with regard to equitable distribution of food in war time on October 29. Mr. K. G. K. Nair gave a vivid picture of the life of Indian students in London and the high degree of morale amongst them, during the Battle of Britain.

As many as five talks were relayed from the BBC. On October 3, a journalist gave his impressions of the part played by British women in the war. Electrical recordings of the speeches of Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Winston Churchill, broadcast on October 6 and 12, respectively, were broadcast.

Trichinopoly Station

Active economy in contrast to passive parsimony and the accelerated production of food crops with reference to the National War Front were the keynote of the talks programme of the month.

Mr. A. Krishnaswami dwelt on the bearing of salvage on the supply of essential raw materials for war production, in his talk on October 3. The economics of voluntary rationing and the observance by all citizens of an active economy in all their actions were the subject of a talk by Prof. S. Thothadri Ayyangar of the National College, Trichinopoly, on October 17. In connexion with the Food Production Week, Mr. V. Lawrence Sundaram spoke on October 29 about the vital importance of the growing of more food crops and the facilities given by the Government of Madras for this purpose.

The tremendous advances made in the strengthening of the British airarm and naval resources during the last three years of total

war were discussed by Rao Bahadur N. Ramaswami Ayyar in his talk on the "Royal Air Force and Royal Navy" in the series "Thumbs Up" on October 18. "Trafalgar Day" on October 21 was the occasion for a talk dealing with the significance of that great naval victory, broadcast by Mr. T. V. Somasundaram, District Organizer of the National War Front.

Speaking in the broadcasts for Universities, Prof. P. Mahadevan of Pachayappa's College, Madras, showed how Britain's democratic instincts were rooted deep in her literature in his talk in the series "The Voice of Freedom" on October 25.

In the weekly variety programme Ariel, on October 18, in the Women's Page, Miss S. Dhanabakyam discussed the combating of rumour.

One of the interesting features broadcast during the month was the programme about the completion of one year of training in the R.I.A.S.C., in which Lieut.-Col. S. E. Jones, M.C., the Officer Commanding and members of the R.I.A.S.C. drawn from various districts took part. The broadcast was arranged on October 20, in connection with the completion of one year's training by the fourth Supply Training Battalion. It was included as part of the celebrations on the anniversary, and after sports and distribution of prizes, the enormous audience gathered at the spacious maidan listened through specially arranged loud speakers to the entire programme. The talks were of great interest to all members of the R.I.A.S.C. in every part of India, and advance publicity was given to enable everyone to listen in.

Mr. Churchill's speech at Edinburgh on the occasion of his being conferred the freedom of the city was relayed from B.B.C. on October 13. Messages from Bevin boys broadcast from London were electrically recorded and put on the air on October 8. On Trafalgar Day, a talk by Vice-Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzerbert, Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, was relayed from Delhi. Messages from troops in the Middle East were relayed from the Additional South Indian Service and recordings of messages from relations in India were also broadcast during the month.

How British women defend the skies was illustrated in the educational broadcast on October 23, in a featurized presentation of the theme. The daily short talks covered a wide variety of subjects of current interest like Brazil's contribution of raw materials to the United Nations and parachute-manufacture in India.

Miscellaneous

Nurse Pupils

The Government has sanctioned the proposal of the Surgeon-General, that nurse pupils on reversion from military duty, may be given the minimum pay of the scale of pay for women staff nurses, viz., Rs. 65 a month, while undergoing the training in midwifery and Gynæcology.

Restriction of Water Supply

In view of the present difficulty to obtain new plant and spare parts and of the shortage of fuel and lubricating oil, the need for conserving the existing plants in the water-works of local bodies and preventing their overloading has been impressed on local bodies and they have been asked to take steps to reduce the hours of supply, to prohibit the use of water for non-essential purposes, to restrict house connexions to the utmost and to exercise effective control over public standposts. The Collectors of districts and other authorities have been asked to report to Government cases where local bodies do not exercise proper control over the supply of water from public water-works.

Sulphur Dust

In Press Note No. 181, dated the 12th November 1941, the Government announced the withdrawal with effect from 15th December 1941, for the duration of the war, of the exemption granted by them in 1909, under which no licence under the Indian Arms Act, 1878, was required for the possession, conversion, sale, export, etc., of sulphur in quantities not exceeding 10 seers. All persons having in their possession any quantity of sulphur were required to obtain a licence issued under the Indians Arms Rules, 1924. It has since been brought to the notice of the Government that the Department of Agriculture stocks sulphur dust in packets of 2 oz. and 4 oz. each and sells them to ryots as a fungicide. The Government consider that it is unnecessary to require ryots to take out licences for the possession and use of small quantities of sulphur dust. They are, therefore, issuing orders under which no licence under the Indian Arms Act will be required for the possession and use of sulphur dust sold to ryots as a fungicide by the Agricultural Department in packets of 2 oz. and 4 oz. each. In all other cases, a licence will be necessary for the possession, sale, etc., of sulphur.

An Old Custom

Despite war conditions the much-loved custom of exchanging greeting-cards over Christmas and the New Year will doubtless pertain this year.

It is hardly too much to suggest however that in these times of stress the manufacture and sale of greeting-cards are difficult to justify unless the profits accruing are to benefit a deserving charity—more particularly perhaps the wounded and the sick.

Certainly, no better object could be chosen for such profits than the Indian Red Cross, and so the whole country will shortly be able to buy the "Red Cross Christmas Card", the total nett profits from sales of which will be devoted to this admirable object.

The card will be on sale at all General Post Offices throughout the country from early December. Keep a little money by till then, so that you may benefit a great cause by gratifying a good friend.

Transport Vehicles

The Government have considered the report of the Motor Vehicles Conservation Committee constituted in August 1942. Its recommendations are based on the assumption that the Provincial quota of giant tyres is about one-sixth of the normal consumption. The information which the Government have since obtained shows that the quota is about one-third. Government, however, agree that with the existing quota the number of transport vehicles must be reduced.

The Provincial Motor Transport Controller has been requested to prepare lists of lorries classified into essential and non-essential and to recommend to Government the class of lorries which should be refused new tyres. All buses have been ordered to be classified at once into four groups of essentiality, with about 25 per cent in each group. Buses falling in the last two groups should be given permits for new tyres only after the requirements of buses in the first two categories have been fully met; but they will be allowed to run as long as they can with their existing tyres, which may be retreaded if possible.

Permits of petrol-driven buses not plying on ghat roads have been ordered to be cancelled.

Transport authorities have been asked to classify buses into groups, to re-arrange routes and timings with reference to the above orders. All important motor firms will be advised by the Provincial Motor Transport Controller to introduce a tyre service. Government agree with the Committee that compulsory conversion of lorries to producer gas should not be resorted to at this stage.

Orders on the other recommendations of the Committee will be issued separately.

Government have ordered that Transport Authorities should make provision in the orders cancelling permits of transport vehicles that are requisitioned, or sold to Government that preference should be given to holders of such cancelled permits in considering subsequent applications for fresh permits. Registers showing particulars of all such cancelled permits have been ordered to be maintained for the purpose.

Labour Department

The work of the Commissioner of Labour under "Labour disputes" has increased during the war. After careful consideration the Government have decided that an officer of the grade of District Superintendent of Police having experience of criminal tribes should be appointed as Special Assistant for a period of three months to make a thorough inspection of the Criminal Tribes Settlements and the Kallar and Koravar Reclamation work.

Manufacture of Pottery and Glasses

In 1941 Government accorded sanction to the conduct of experiments on materials and in the manufacture of pottery and glasses in the School of Arts and Crafts and to the demonstration to the potters, in Karigiri in North Arcot district, of the application of glasses and controlled firing methods. The Ceramic Assistant visited centres in North India to study the work of glazed village pottery. The results of the experiments and demonstration are reported to be satisfactory. Government have approved of the proposals of the Director of Industries and Commerce for the execution of the demonstration work in select centres in Guntur and Malabar districts and for adopting the suggestions of the Ceramic Assistant, namely :—

(1) to conduct experiments on improved firing methods;

(2) to introduce among the potters clay moulds; and

(3) to manufacture engobed wares to be introduced in this province as a cottage industry.

Registration of British Men

It is believed that many male European British subjects, who have been evacuated from Burma, Malaya and the Far East have not yet registered themselves under the Registration (Emergency Powers) Act, 1940. The Government of India draw attention to the fact that registration of all male European British subjects (including Eire citizens) between the ages of 16 to 50 within 14 days of arrival in India is compulsory. The Registration Authorities are Commissioners of Police in Presidency Towns and District Magistrates in all other parts of British India, and all enquiries should be addressed to them. Those registered are required to inform the Registering Authority with whom they have registered, of every change of address exceeding 15 days within 7 days of the change. It may be pointed out that failure to register or to intimate change of address is a punishable offence. The penalty will not however be enforced against people who comply with the present notice within the next month.

Growth of Timber in Madura District

In order to encourage the growth of timber, the Government have sanctioned an experiment in the Dindigul taluk of the Madura district under which Government loans will be granted for planting trees on inferior dry lands in holdings and the assessment on the lands will thereupon be remitted for 20 years or the period of repayment of the loan, whichever is less. Such remission will be granted even for lands on which food crops are also grown provided that 50 or 60 well-grown trees per acre are raised along with the food crops. In view of the greater needs of the grow-more-food campaign, the scheme is being restricted to inferior dry lands, whose contribution to food supplies would be negligible though as explained above it will be possible to grow food crops along with the trees while the plantation is still young. If the scheme proves successful, it is intended to extend it to other areas.

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